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TITLE: DRESSING AID

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) Device for assisting in dressing for disabled persons or persons with limited mobility, ~~of the type capable of by~~ facilitating ~~the an~~ action of pulling on a garment ~~(5)~~ on the lower limbs of ~~the a~~ body, ~~including~~ comprising:

means for seizing the garment ~~to be put on~~ and ~~means allowing~~ positioning said garment on ~~the~~ desired parts of the body, ~~and comprised of~~ said means for seizing and positioning comprising:

at least one flexible strap ~~(1)~~ provided, at one ~~of its ends~~ end thereof, with a clip ~~(2)~~,

~~characterized in that it is comprised of two~~ another flexible straps ~~(1)~~ provided, each strap at one end, with a clip ~~(2)~~ and, at ~~the other~~ an opposite end, with seizing means ~~(8)~~, and joined together transversely, in ~~their a~~ median area thereof, by a belt ~~(3)~~.

2. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said transversal belt (3) is a transversal belt and reinforced by ~~the addition of~~ an element ~~made out~~ comprised of a rigid or semi-rigid material ~~(7)~~.

3. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said element ~~made out~~ comprised of a rigid or semi-rigid material (7) is in the form of a sleeve.

4. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the straps (1) have a length ~~which is~~ substantially equivalent to ~~the~~ a height between ~~the~~ a floor and ~~the~~ hands of a user in a sitting position or standing position with ~~his~~ arms of said user being stretched alongside ~~his~~ a body of said user.

5. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the straps (1) ~~include~~ further comprise means (9) for adjusting ~~their~~ length thereof.

6. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in,~~ ~~that the transversal~~ Claim 1, wherein said belt (3) is made integral with the straps (1) through means for removably fastening, so as to ~~allow to~~ change ~~the~~ a place of fastening.

7. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the straps (1) are ~~made from~~ comprised of woven, bands of synthetic textile such as, ~~for example,~~ polyester.